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AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

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SUBJ: VISIT OF COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT

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- 1. GROUP COMPOSED OF FOUR MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AND MR. ANTONIO VELASQUEZ OF OPIC ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE AND WAS BRIEFED BY AID AND E/C SECTION PERSONNEL. APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE AT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CEPE), AND WITH OFFICIALS OF NORTH WEST PIPELINE CORPORATION, WINNER OF GULF OF GUAYAQUIL NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION/EXPLOITATION BIDDING. DISCUSSION WITH NW PIPELINE WAS TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF GAS FOR CONTEMPLATED PROJECTS.
- 2. PROPOSAL OF COMMITTEE BASICALLY A JOINT VENTURE TO PRODUCE NITROGEN FERTILIZER UTILIZING PROVEN RESERVES OF NATURAL GAS.
- 3. WHILE GROUP FOUND CONSIDERABLE GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST IN PROJECT HERE, IT FELT THAT ASSURED SUPPLIES WOULD NOT BECOME AVAILABLE SOON ENOUGH TO INITIATE PROJECT AT THIS TIME. VELASQUEZ STATED THAT COMMITTEE NOW VIEWS COLOMBIA AS A MORE REALISTIC POSSIBILITY, AND STATED THAT A PROPOSAL USING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE GAS IN GUAJIRA PENINSULA WOULD BE MADE AT EXPLICIT INVITATION OF GOC.
- 4. COMMITTEE SAID IT WOULD SPEAK TO NORTH WEST OFFICIALS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF NORTH WEST'S AMMONIA

PRODUCTION. MEMBERS WERE GRATEFUL TO EMBASSY FOR MAKING CONTACTS
WITH LOCAL NW PIPELINE OFFICIALS, SINCE MEETING APPARENTLY WAS
VERY USEFUL.
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